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## **NASA CI/CT MONTHLY NEWS UPDATE – March 2019**

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### **Significant Counterterrorism (CT) Issues:**

#### **AFTER THE CALIPHATE: HAS ISIS BEEN DEFEATED?**



Despite the demise of its physical caliphate, IS remains a battle-hardened and well-disciplined force whose "enduring defeat" is not assured. IS militants are active in rural areas with remote, rugged terrain that gives them freedom to move and plan attacks.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-45547595>

#### **THE SALAFI-JIHADIST MOVEMENT IS WINNING**

The reduction in terrorist attacks over the past three years and the halving of the number of people killed by the Islamic State are bad metrics of the Salafi-jihadist movement's strength. The movement itself measures success by the depth and breadth of its infiltration, and by that measure, it is winning.

[https://www.realclearworld.com/articles/2019/02/12/the\\_salafi-jihadist\\_movement\\_is\\_winning\\_112964.html](https://www.realclearworld.com/articles/2019/02/12/the_salafi-jihadist_movement_is_winning_112964.html)



#### **COAST GUARD OFFICER ACCUSED OF TERROR PLOT FACES MORE CHARGES**



A U.S. Coast Guard lieutenant accused of amassing a cache of weapons and plotting to attack Democratic politicians and journalists was ordered held for two weeks recently while federal prosecutors consider charging him with more crimes.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-maryland-arrest/us-coast-guard-officer-accused-of-terror-plot-could-face-more-charges-idUSKCN1QA2QF>

### **Significant Counterintelligence Issues:**

#### **CHINESE JET SHOWS OFF SENSITIVE U.S. TECHNOLOGY**

Recently, one Beijing-based military website revealed photos of China's J-20 stealth jet fighter showing what appear to be knockoffs of two American jet fighter technologies. The photos revealed two J-20 capabilities deployed on the U.S. front-line fifth-generation stealth jet, the F-35.

<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2019/feb/20/chinese-jet-shows-off-us-tech/>





## CHINESE SPIED ON MILITARY ELECTRONICS IN FLORIDA



A Chinese student linked to Beijing's Public Security Ministry was sentenced to prison this month for spying on sensitive communications gear at a major military base in Key West, Florida.

<https://freebeacon.com/national-security/chinese-spied-on-military-electronics-in-florida/>

## ISOLATED AND ADRIFT, AN AMERICAN WOMAN TURNED TOWARD IRAN

Ms. Witt has left American law enforcement and intelligence officials to cope with the repercussions of what several of them have publicly described as a “betrayal”. Former intelligence officials familiar with the case described the damage to national security as severe, in part because she is suspected of revealing the names of double agents run by the United States, and the American authorities have struggled to conclude exactly why she turned on her country.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/02/16/us/monica-witt-iran.html>



### **Analyst Notes – Items to Watch:**

With the military defeat of the ISIS Caliphate, it appeared that ISIS was finished. However, ISIS and its ideas seem to have gained a “second wind”. ISIS die-hards and fanatics have spread out across the Middle East, Africa and South Asia. It appears that the Jihadist movement has morphed and is gaining strength in a number of other regions. Al-Qaeda and its affiliate groups continue to press into the void left by the ISIS decline. The terrorist threat in the United States is not just from radical Islamic fundamentalists, but also from extreme political radicals inside the United States. The Chinese government continues to pursue their massive collection efforts to steal U.S. military, government and private sector technology, as shown by recently published military hardware photographs. Illegal technology theft and economic espionage from China’s vast intelligence apparatus continues to affect every facet of U.S. industry; including aviation and space related technologies. The NASA CI/CT division continues to monitor these threats and any others that have the potential to harm NASA or its equities.

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